

REMARKS

The present response is a supplement to the earlier filed response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2008. The purpose of this supplement is to add new claim 57 that specifically recites the central location of the flavorant of the at least one flavor-releasing component of the present invention.

As previously argued, the recited ventilation is important as well as the particular location of such ventilation in that the velocity of the mainstream tobacco smoke through the adsorbent particles is slower when compared to a similar filter without ventilation downstream of the adsorbent particles. This results in more dwell time of the tobacco smoke in contact with the adsorbent granules which increases the efficiency of gas phase smoke constituent removal. The molecules of the gas phase constituents randomly move in all directions amongst the adsorbent granules as the mainstream smoke progresses therethrough.

Equally important is that the mainstream tobacco smoke and the ventilation air together are drawn faster past the downstream portion of the flavor-releasing component which efficiently enhances flavor release to the smoke. With the flavorant centrally located in the flavor-releasing component, the release of flavorant is particularly efficient. With relatively low velocity around the adsorbent granules, and higher velocity through the downstream portion of the flavor-releasing component and around the centrally located flavorant, flavor release is enhanced by the particular placement of ventilation and the central positioning of the flavorant.

Accordingly, for the reasons expressed above it is believed that new claim 57 is also directed to patentable subject matter and early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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